| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21. | Maharashtra | No Vacancy | 0 | 8 | 30.11.2005 |
| 22. | Manipur | All vacant | | | 31.1.2003 |
| 23. | Meghalaya | President | 0 | 0 | 30.6.2005 |
| 24. | Mizoram | President | 0 | 0 | 30.6.2004 |
| 25. | Nagaland | No Vacancy | 0 | 0 | 30.6.2005 |
| 26. | Orissa | No Vacancy | 1 | 2 | 30.6.2005 |
| 27. | Pondicherry | 1 Member | 0 | 1 | 30.6.2005 |
| 28. | Punjab | No Vacancy | 1 | 1 | 30.9.2005 |
| 29. | Rajasthan | No Vacancy | 0 | 9 | 30.11.2005 |
| 30. | Sikkim | No Vacancy | 0 | 0 | 30.6.2005 |
| 31. | Tamilnadu | No Vacancy | 0 | 17 | 30.11.2005 |
| 32. | Tripura | No Vacancy | 0 | 0 | 30.6.2005 |
| 33. | Uttar Pradesh | No Vacancy | 13 | 24 | 30.11.2005 |
| 34. | Uttaranchal | President | 0 | 3 | 30.6.2005 |
| 35. | West Bengal | 1 Member Lady | 0 | 3 | 30.11.2005 |
| | TOTAL: | 5 Pres. 9 Mem. | 42 | 198 | |

**FCI borrowings**

1852. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether FCI has accumulated recoverables worth Rs. 17,000 crores from the Ministry of Rural Development for foodgrains supplied for its welfare schemes;

(b) whether FCI is facing financial constraints, having to borrow funds from SBI-led consortium at exorbitant interest rates for grain procurement;

(c) whether FCI borrowings from SBI-led banks now total Rs. 33.000 crores at 8.15% compound interest; and

(d) whether Government would bail out the FCI to sustain its welfare schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The outstanding dues payable by Ministry of Rural Development to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for food grains supplied for its welfare schemes as on 30.11.2005 were Rs. 23,524 crores.

(b) No, Sir. 8.15% per annum interest, compounded monthly, is charged by the SBI led consortium from the FCI.

(c) The total cash credit utilisation as on 28.11.2005 is Rs. 28,094 crore.

(d) Does not arise.

**Wheat rotting in FCI godowns in Punjab**

1853. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons that a large quantity of wheat is rotting every year in the godowns of Food Corporation of India in Punjab;

(b) the details in this regard during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the manner in which the rotten wheat is disposed off; and

(d) the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The following stocks of wheat held by the FCI in its godowns at Punjab had become damaged i.e. unfit for human consumption, during the last three year:-

| Year | Quantity (Lakh MT) |
|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 0.08 |
| 2003-04 | 0.12 |
| 2004-05 | 0.06 |

The above stocks had become damaged during storage in open complexes due to exposure to the vagaries of weather. The extent of